



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Summer Visit



Curtis, Christina, Khloe, & Bradley came up for a weekend camping trip. They braved the cold night and completely enjoyed the cool days. They caught some crawdads, but in the end decided that catching was more fun than eating.

Smores roasted over the campfire at night, long walks in the woods, and the enjoyment of being out of the city for a little while made for a great time for all.



Khloe

The summer is quickly waning away, and we are starting to see the changes all around us. The leaves on the trees have started turning colors, the nights are getting cooler, and the campers are getting fewer and fewer. Once we passed Labor Day and Sunday football started, our Sundays slowed down considerably. The weekday campers have also dropped off. We are now able to get all of our sites cleaned and ready for the next weekend. In fact our boss has cut back on the staff, letting two sets of hosts go for the season. We now take care of 34 camp sites. The mountain holds so much majesty and clearly revels in God's handiwork and He continues to show us His love for us through His creation.

...because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Romans 1:19-20

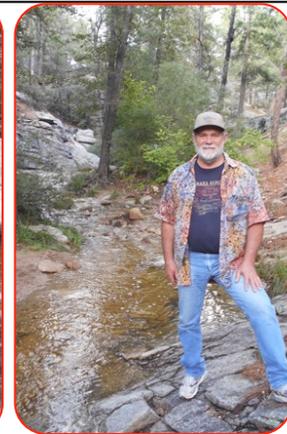
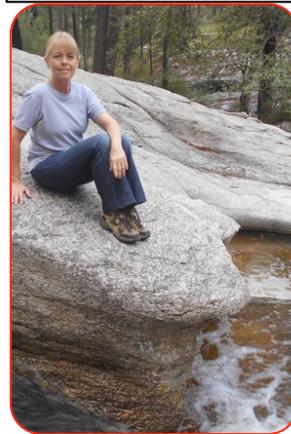


Bradley



The following weekend Josh & Jess also came to camp with us. It was the first time Jess had ever been camping. We hope she enjoyed the experience. We're glad they took time out from their busy schedule to come and visit with us.

When Josh & Curtis were small we would load our camping gear, supplies, and horses in the truck and trailer and head for the hills. We never liked to camp in campgrounds, but preferred being alone in the woods. We would often camp for 10 days. We would usually go to our favorite spot south of Mormon Lake. A place called Bill Dix Springs. It was a very large meadow surrounded by tall pines. Just to one side of the meadow was an old spring that ranchers had fitted with a concrete trough. The spring was our sole source of water, both for us and the horses. During the day, when we weren't riding, we would turn our horses loose in the meadow to run and eat. I can still see in my mind the picture of both boys leading the horses back to camp for the nights feed rations and to be picketed. I think they must have been around 8-9 years old. As parents we were so proud of our boys and they certainly had a blast camping. We always looked to these outings as a way to teach our boys life lessons, all about nature, and how to survive, learning to fish and eat the catch that night. Even at this young age both boys were natural horsemen. They controlled their mounts with the skill of adult men. We would ride for hours over all kinds of terrain and in all kinds of weather. Some of the happiest days we had with them growing up were on these camping trips. We are pleased that both boys still enjoy camping now that they are grown. For us as parents these are some of our best memories. It is good to see them passing the tradition on to their children. We also hope their children get as much out of the experience as they did.



We so often don't know what God has in store for us when He sends us out, but we do know that wherever we go, and whatever we do, He reveals His love for us through our surroundings. He also provides for and protects us while we serve Him. Our love and dedication to Jesus is nothing when we compare all He does for us. In 2002 when we answered the call to full time Christian ministry, we had no way of knowing all the places God intended to take us and all the things He intended to show us. We consider ourselves very blessed to have been on mission these last 14 years. We also look forward to our next opportunities that He is already setting up for us. We don't know yet what that is, but we are convinced whatever it is and wherever we go people will be blessed by Jesus. Of course we also will be blessed, and we know this because He has always blessed us. Even when people around us ask "How is what you are going through, and all you have given up a blessing?" Just to know Him and serve Him is blessing enough. God has also given us faithful supporters that pray and give financially, enabling us to dedicate our lives to full time service. As we seek to know God's direction for us at the end of this season (November 1st) we know He already has something set up. Please continue in prayer with us as we seek God's direction for our next ministry opportunity. And we also want to thank our faithful partners for staying with us.

We praise and thank God for you all